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AT A GLANCE

Leverett selected Plainfield Superintendent
Board member calls process tainted
by Sherry Burrus

PLAINFIELD—After an exhaustive six-month hunt for a school's superintendent, the Plainfield Board of Education (BOE) appointed the vacant position to Larry Leverett, director of learning at New Community Corporation in Newark and former state assistant commissioner.

Leverett, who will succeed acting superintendent Ronald Frye, defeated Benjamin Williams, assistant superintendent of Paterson in a 15-2 vote which received cheers and jeers from the audience and board members alike, as one citizen moaned "Oh, no."

Board members Veronica DeNoia and Orlando Gonzalez, the two opposed votes, strongly objected to Leverett's appointment on the grounds that not enough information was made available. DeNoia
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Sharpton: Snoop Doggie Dog will lead the '90s generation
by Sherry Burrus

PISCATAWAY—Reverend Al Sharpton attracted a much anticipated audience at The Spain Inn Restaurant, Piscataway, to help Plainfield's Second Street Youth Center (SSYC) commemorate their first annual Black History Month Celebration and Awards Night ceremony.

The theme "Family Unity = Children + Family" was recognized throughout the night as various awards were given to staff, parents and friends of SSYC who packed the restaurant, impatiently waiting for the keynote speaker to discuss what he called "the most important work must be done in our community."
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Payne blasts GOP's plan to cut school lunch and abandoned infants programs

WASHINGTON—Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne blasted Republicans for their "total indifference to the plight of the most vulnerable children in America" after the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee defeated two key amendments he offered to protect the school lunch program and abandoned infants initiatives.

"Apparently, there is no protection clause for poor children in the Contract With America," Payne
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CITY NEWS

WHO WAS LAWRENCE MEYERS? Police and media reports on Meyers questioned

by Sandra Wright

"Lawrence Meyers was not one to be in the mix. All that information released by the media about him having a record since he was eight years old is untrue, and he has never been to a reformatory. It's just not true," stated Vera Ames, the victim's cousin and a Paterson councilwoman.

In an exclusive interview with CITY NEWS, Ames stated that her cousin was not the person that the media and police portrayed him to be.

"What they don't know is that Lawrence was mentally impaired, he was in a contained classroom at school and he was afraid of the

cops. Everything to him was basketball, he was not that type."

Meyers, a 16-year-old high school student of Paterson is dead. Cause of death, complications from a gunshot wound behind the left ear.

Ames revealed that unlike media reports Meyers' only stint with the law was when he was 13. She did not give details, but said he was with some other youth "he had no business being with." The punishment for this incident was that Meyers was put into a shelter and enrolled in a program for youth on the verge.

The activities leading to Meyers' death began on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:25 p.m.

On the evening in question, four detectives and two housing officers approached a blue Honda, which they alleged was suspected of being used to traffic narcotics. Inside the car were three males who were later identified as Meyers, Thomas Jackson, 20, of Paterson and Kianle Hall, 19, of Prospect Park.

The vehicle stopped in front of 342 Ellison St. According to police all three youths got out and ran.

Housing Officer Ronald Cohen, 25, chased Meyers about 20 feet to a fence at the property's front yard. According to Paterson Police Chief Vincent Amoreano, Cohen reported that he ordered Meyers to stop and

when the youth did not, he attempted to subdue him. There was a struggle and Cohen drew his 40-caliber service revolver and shot Meyers once in the back of the head, behind the left ear.

"If a cop had approached Lawrence to talk with him he would have had Lawrence's undivided attention. He did not want to ever go back to a shelter, so he would have cooperated with the cops. His little stint with the shelter had him scared, he wanted no more," said Ames.

Within five minutes an ambulance arrived at the scene and Lawrence Meyers was taken
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Is the Black Press still viable?



Rev. Samuel E. Cornish

by William Reed

As the nation's 200 black-oriented newspapers celebrate the 68th anniversary of the first newspapers especially for blacks, these questions abound among the general public, newspaper subscribers, advertisers and general community media, who now see high-income African Americans as a new and growing market.

Freedom's Journal was America's first African-American

newspaper. John B. Russwurm, the nation's second African American to earn a college degree, and Rev. Samuel E. Cornish, published the first issue in New York City on March 16, 1827. The weekly tabloid was published in response



John B. Russwurm

With daily newspapers now hiring black reporters and editors and giving more coverage to African-American communities than ever before, is there still a need for black-oriented newspapers? Is it not true that publications directed primarily to an African-American community are actually a stark example of "Reverse discrimination?"

to printed attacks against freed and enslaved blacks, black leaders and abolitionists.

In 1827, New York City boasted America's second largest free black population, second only to
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Evers-Williams wins NAACP chairmanship by narrow margin

by Chester A. Higgins, Sr.

Myrtle Evers-Williams won the bruising fight outright. But her victory by a razor thin, one-vote margin of 30-29, in the balloting for the NAACP chairmanship, left even some of her staunchest supporters with creased brows.

"Myrtle has her work cut out for her," said Dr. C. Delores Tucker. "That board still has a lot of Gibson supporters on it as this vote indicates." Dr. Tucker is the leader of the seven NAACP officials who spearheaded the eight-week drive that successfully culminated in the ouster of Chairman William F. Gibson, and his replacement by the widow of NAACP hero, Medgar Evers.

Indeed, the new board of directors' vice chair is Franklin Breckinridge, a strong Gibson supporter. According to Dr. Tucker, the Board, with Breckinridge chairing, voted to change Earl T. Shinhoshter's position from senior administrator to that of acting executive director. This was done while Myrtle was out of the room phoning her husband, Walter Williams (who has subsequently died) at their home in Bend, Oregon, to

inform him of her win.

When she returned, she was informed of the Shinhoshter decision. "Who authorized that?" she asked suspiciously. Informed that the board made that decision while she was out of the room because Shinhoshter was concerned about his future status—about who would sign the checks and contracts, etc., she was "really put out," Dr. Tucker said. "They couldn't wait to get back to business as usual."

However, the new chairperson quickly announced that newly elected NAACP treasurer, Francisco L. Borges, a Wall Street investment banker, who had served more than seven years as treasurer of the state of Connecticut, would sign all checks and contracts and that all travel by NAACP officials would be cleared through him.

To most seasoned observers, Shinhoshter is a known and acceptable manager. He is the long-time director of Region 7, the largest of NAACP regions. He is dedicated and has been with the NAACP since his youth. It was the sneaky way the board went about changing his job designation, when the chairman stepped out of the room,

that galvanized many. A search committee for an executive director has not yet been established.

It is indicative of the way Gibson has been doing NAACP business, it is charged—close to the vest, secretively, dictatorially, that led, observers feel, to massive official corruption, double-dipping by Gibson and massive mismanagement of NAACP affairs.

It led to a cover-up by the executive director Benjamin Chavis, who was charged with secretly raiding the NAACP treasury with Gibson's knowledge (Gibson denies it, but Chavis confirmed it on the TV program 60 Minutes) for \$330,000 to pay cash money to a lady who charged Chavis with sexual harassment and job discrimination.

It is indicative of the gross mismanagement of NAACP affairs that has led to a \$4.5 million deficit, it is alleged, to the looting of the NAACP pension fund and the placing in hock of the debt-free headquarters. There are also charges that Gibson wrestled the lucrative NAACP Hollywood Image Awards from the
See NAACP CHAIR page 7

Community fears elimination of housing programs

TRENTON—Local community and tenant organizations have issued a new report, regarding the deepening need for affordable housing in Newark and surrounding areas.

The new report, entitled Affordable Housing: A Broken Promise, contains testimony and recommendations from a Housing Speak Out held on Dec. 3, 1994 at St. Patrick's Church.

The speak out was initiated by the Affordable Housing Network of

New Jersey, and co-sponsored by the HUD Tenants' Coalition of Newark, the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing, and the Newark Community Development Network.

The release of the report comes at a time when the federal government is considering a number of major changes in its housing programs for low income residents, including the elimination of public housing construction, eliminating or minimizing federal regulations which govern housing programs

and substituting a problematic voucher program for current Section 8 programs.

The report also includes comments from a cross-section of the Newark community, concerned about the lack of affordable housing, homeless persons, tenants, housing advocates, and non-profit developers. Speakers were unanimous in their call to make the development and preservation of low income housing a priority at the local, state and federal level.

The introduction to the report begins: "During the 1994-95 holiday season, while many people were celebrating with parties and festive meals, many others were worrying about where their next month's rent payment would come from, how to keep their children warm in a building without heat, or where to find a home they can afford."

The report will be sent to local, county, state and federal officials who deal with housing policy.



CBS News correspondent Reggie Harris is shown at the Celebrity Read Kick-Off with Youth Ambassador Jihad Jones, a 4th grade student at the Miller Street School in Newark, where the Kick-Off event was held.

United Way sponsors Celebrity Read

NEWARK—What were CBS News correspondent Reggie Harris, ABC Eyewitness News NJ correspondent David Navarro and rapper/actor "Kid" doing reading to elementary school students? Well it was part of the United Way of Essex and West Hudson's Black History celebration and Celebrity Read program.

All three men took time-out of their busy schedules to read to students in Newark, Irvington, East Orange, South Orange, and Maplewood.

Reggie Harris was chairman, and David Navarro co-chair of the event.

Now in its fourth year, Celebrity Read originally began as part of United Way's celebration of Black History Month. Due to the overwhelming success of the program, it has since been expanded to include Hispanic and Latino volunteer readers.

According to Gail D. Moore, vice-president of Marketing and the creator of Celebrity Read, for United Way the program consists of volunteers who take time out of their day to visit schools and share reading selections that detail the contributions of people of color to American and world history. In addition, readers share some of their own life-experiences, and encourage young people to realize their fullest potential.

"Celebrity Read is designed to help educate students about the significant historical contributions people of color have made, and to provide role models who will instill pride in their heritage," Moore said. "Celebrity Read also brings young people into contact with adults whose position in our community stand as examples to our youth of their own potential to succeed," she added.

Reggie Harris explained that, "United Way of Essex and West Hudson's Celebrity Read program brings together people from all walks of life, some famous and some not, for the common cause of investing in our community's young people."

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PEOPLE

Survivor of tragic fire presented over \$25,000

ORANGE—On Wednesday, December 28, 1994, tragedy struck the City of Orange as a fire engulfed a home killing nine people. Six of the victims were children and three were adults.

Mayor Brown's call to arms in the newspaper and on television precipitated an outpouring of sympathy from across the country and a wish to help the remaining survivor of that family, Pierre Moise. Perishing in that fire were his children, wife, sister, and mother-in-law.

This outpouring of a need to comfort and give relief has continued since the tragedy in December. Donations have come in from across the country to Mayor Brown. At a brief ceremony on Wednesday,

February 15, 1995, the mayor presented Pierre Moise with over \$25,000 in donations.

"We are certainly pleased by the response we have received from our outpouring for help to Mr. Moise. This donation will certainly not bring back his loved ones. But it is just some small way that the many people who contributed to this fund felt that they could help," commented the Mayor. "We hope he will accept this donation in the spirit of brotherhood in which it is given."

All too often the bad in people in our country are emphasized as opposed to the humanitarian nature of most Americans. In this hour of need Americans from across the country answered the

call of a fire victim. Race, color, or creed did not matter—the only emphasis here was pain suffering and the desire to comfort in some small way.

Donations from across the country ranged from \$1 from an individual to \$1,600 from a group collection. Mayor Brown said "I appreciated every penny that people offered and I am sure Mr. Moise does as well."



Mr. Moise looks over the abundance of contributions with Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange and Rev. and Mrs. Kettley Doss.

Superintendent

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that information on High School Proficiency Test scores before, during and after Leverett's superintendent position at Englewood, requested in a meeting held February 9 was not provided and disagreed with board president Cory Storch who stated the search for the new superintendent was a "thorough and effective process."

"People in Plainfield deserve to know the results of my vote. Last week we were told that I could not visit the Paterson district (where Williams is assistant superintendent as a result of the state take over) as part of the search—initially we were told that we could."

She continued, "In light of not being able to visit the district, I asked the New Jersey School

Board to answer three simple questions so I could make a sound decision. I was promised that I would get those answers...as of this meeting I still don't have those answers. At this point the answers are not the issue, but the process is...The public should be questioning why the New Jersey School Board and/or the candidates would not be willing to offer full disclosure...the entire process has been tainted."

Gonzalez sided with DeNoia who were challenged by the president of the Parent Teachers Association, Margaret Fears. Fears agreed that the information should have been provided but encouraged Gonzalez and DeNoia to move forward and form a cohesive and work with Leverett. Gonzalez's response was that it was

nothing personal.

"I have nothing against Mr. Leverett. He will be the new superintendent and as a Board member I have to work with him. My goal should be the same as his (and that is) giving our children the best education possible."

Storch explained the information requested was received prior to the meeting and that he had mistakenly neglected to circulate the documents.

Leverett who will take office April 10, seemed unaffected by the objections stating that he was "nervous, eager, eager" as he expressed his gratitude to the Board and community.

"I am excited about the opportunity to serve the children and community of Plainfield. We

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WITH DR. CHARLES FAULKNER

The lady hates me

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am in love with a lady who I see every day at my office building. I have never met her, but I know that she hates me because every time that I even glance at her, she looks the other way. How could she hate me, if she doesn't even know me? I am confused and losing confidence in myself. Help! —Mr. T., Toledo, Ohio

Dear Mr. T.:

You have made some assumptions in this case that may be wrong. First, the fact that the lady looks in the opposite direction when you glance at her could mean many different things. It may mean that:

1. She does not know you, so if she hates you without ever having met you, she has an emotional problem—and you probably would do better without her, or
2. She may actually be shy and afraid to be pursued, so she tries to appear disinterested, or
3. She may admire you, but she may feel that you will get a big ego, if she let's you know that she likes you. So, she looks the other way whenever you glance at her, or
4. She may be afraid of your stare. To her, your stare could be uncomfortable, or
5. Maybe she's just not interested in you.

You said something that troubled me. You said that you were "in love" with a lady whom you had not met. You may be confusing infatuation or pure physical attractiveness with "love."

Infatuation is an extreme or foolish attraction. Does this fit your feelings? It might. She might be argumentative and a horror to be with. Of course, she might also be a brilliant, honorable, talented artist. The point is that you do not know enough about her to fall in love with her. You are setting yourself up for possible heart break.

We could go on and on. A person's outward actions do not necessarily indicate that person's true feelings. Sometimes, in fact, they may indicate the opposite. If you are uncertain as to the meaning of the young lady's behavior, why don't you introduce yourself to her? At least you'll get a clearer indication of whether she likes or dislikes you.

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Community Calendar

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WATCHUNG—Salute to women in the Arts exhibit at the Watchung Arts Center. For info call 908-753-0190.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

SOUTH ORANGE—Career Night-Workforce 2000 will be at Seton Hall University at 6 p.m. For more info call 201-761-9355.

JERSEY CITY—Hispanic Women & Their Relationships' discussion, at noon at the Jersey City State College Women's Center. For more info call 201-200-3189.

NEWARK—Eighteenth Annual ASPIRA, Inc Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Gov. Whitman at the Robert Teitel Hotel. For info call 201-484-7554.

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

NEWARK—Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in the Newark Public Library on Wed. from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For info call 201-733-7793.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

NEWARK—"Tapping the Power Within/Black Women Empowerment" discussion at the Newark Public Library at 6:30 p.m. For info call 201-733-5411.

JERSEY CITY—"Women and AIDS" lecture at 4 p.m. in room 311A of the Student Union Building at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3189.

MONTCLAIR—"What Happened Was..." an independent film series at Montclair Art Museum at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WAYNE—Media responsibility lecture by journalists Carl Bernstein and Nat Hentoff at William Paterson College at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2371.

PISCATAWAY—Reporters can learn how to explain municipal and school budgets to their readers. Workshop, from noon to 5 p.m. at Rutgers University. For more info call 908-932-7986.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

TUNE IN—The Internet Show: Driver's Education for the Information Superhighway will air on Channel 13 from 4-5 p.m.

SUMMIT—Summit Choral presents Celebrate the Commissions at 8 p.m. at the Summit Middle School Auditorium. For more info call 201-762-8486.

TUNE IN—Great Performances: The World of Jim Henson will air on channel 13 at 7-30 p.m.

JERSEY CITY—How to buy a com-

puter workshop at Jersey City State College from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-200-3089.

NEWARK—"Orphan of AIDS: Bridging the Information Gap," public forum on aspects of care-planning for children of parents with HIV/AIDS at New Jersey Medical School from 1 to 3 p.m. For info call 201-483-4250.

NEW YORK—Women's History Month Program, "When Ladies Go A' Thieving" lecture and book signing by author Elaine Abelson at 2 p.m. at the Museum of the City of New York. For more info call 212-534-1672.

JERSEY CITY—"Ethics: Professional Cornerstone in Alcoholism Counseling" at Jersey State College. For more info call 201-200-3089.

NOW THRU MARCH 4

CRANFORD—Playwriting workshop will be offered Saturdays at Union County College from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For info call 908-709-7600.

MONTCLAIR—"Vanties," a comedy will be featured in the Studio Theatre at Montclair State University at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-655-5112.

MARCH 4 AND 11

JERSEY CITY—"The Alcohol/Drug Counselor and the Criminal Justice System" For info call 201-200-3089.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

NEW YORK—Rhythm of the City Afro-Caribbean Dance and Drumming by Al-Woman Company at 2 p.m. at the Museum of the City of New York. For info call 212-534-1672.

TUNE IN—Great Performances: Unforgettable with Love, Natalie Cole Sings the Songs of Nat King Cole will air on channel 13 at 7:55 p.m.

TUNE IN—Live from Lincoln Center: An Evening with Kathleen Battle and Thomas Hampson will air on Channel 13 at 7:55 p.m.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Orchestra will perform in Margaret Williams Theatre at Heppner Hall at 3 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3151.

MONTCLAIR—Flute recital by Louis Moise at the Montclair Art Museum at 3 p.m. For info call 201-746-5555.

NOW THRU MARCH 5

SOMERSET—The NJ Flower and Garden Show will take place at the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more info call 908-918-7660.

MANHATTAN—"Black Male Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary American Art" on exhibit at the Whitney Museum of American Art. For information on times of showing, call 212-570-3633.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

JERSEY CITY—"The Basic of Grant Writing for Educators-Part 1" at JCSC. For more info call 201-200-3094.

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NATIONAL NEWS at a glance

■ NAACP sets major battle against Republican agenda

With a new leader in charge, the NAACP announced last week that it is planning a major campaign against efforts by the Republican party to roll back civil rights gains and reduce federal social programs. The organization's recently elected chairman Myrlie Evers-Williams said, "I am frightened, we are frightened, by what we see happening with this 104th Congress." She explained, "There seems to be an attempt to roll back the gains we (blacks) have made." Evers-Williams was referring to the new Republican-dominated Congress which vowed to eliminate a wide range of social programs and has begun attacks on civil rights gains such as affirmative action programs. Her intention appeared to put new life into the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. In recent years, the organization's effectiveness has been questioned because of infighting and internal problems. However, Evers-Williams says of the NAACP, "Our voice will be heard increasingly loud. This is a new time, a fresh start." —NEW YORK

■ Scientists warn poor science could increase racism

Cite controversial Bell Curve book

A panel of scientists and historians meeting last week in Atlanta, Ga., warned that biased scientific research and the public's weak understanding of genetics could fuel a new wave of racism and prejudice in America, in which minorities would be blamed for society's ills and discriminated against by a host of new restricted laws. Geneticist Douglas Wahlsten told the annual gathering of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "If we keep going down the path we are going down now, this opens the possibility of all kinds of abuses." The scientists and historians were particularly upset by the media exposure given to last year's best selling book—*The Bell Curve*. In the book, authors Charles Murray and the late Richard Herrnstein make the claim that blacks are intellectually inferior to whites. The significance of the book was increased when it was learned that Murray had advised the Republican party in the areas of social policy, especially welfare reform. The panelists concluded that an analysis of genetic make-up of people from all over the world offers no support for the idea that some races are inherently smarter than others. —ATLANTA, GA.

■ Two blacks seek Louisiana governorship

Two blacks have announced their intentions to run for governor of Louisiana. Blacks account for nearly 30 percent of the state's registered voters. The recent announcements came from Congressmen William Jefferson and Glo Fielder. Jefferson is 47 and Fields is 32. Both are Democrats. Observers believe that Jefferson and Fields will simply split the black vote and allow two white candidates to make the November runoff. Louisiana has not had a black governor in the 20th century. But it did briefly have a black governor following slavery when P.B.S. Pinchback served during the Reconstruction period. —NEW ORLEANS, LA.

■ International beauty competition seeks black women

The Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant has chosen Washington, D.C. as the location for its 1995 international beauty and talent competition. Pageant organizers are currently accepting qualified contestants for the October competition which is expected to feature young ladies from 50 U.S. cities and at least 20 foreign countries. The top prize includes a \$10,000 cash award. Interested young ladies can receive information and materials by writing Miss Black World, P.O. Box 65001, Washington, D.C., 20035. —WASHINGTON, DC.

'Demopublicans' & 'Republicrats' vote to curb Affirmative Action

"White folks have had affirmative action all of their lives... The only time blacks get affirmative action, really, is when it's time to go to combat."

WASHINGTON, DC—House Democrats and Republicans voted on Tuesday, February 21, to stop government-backed Affirmative Action programs and to eliminate tax break

for companies that sell broadcast licenses to minority buyers.

The action, according to the *Associated Press*, came on a bill that offers 3.2 million self-employed people a 1% deduction of up to 25 percent of the cost of their health insurance, restoring a benefit that lapsed at the end of 1993.

The legislation passed, 38-144, partially pays for the deduction—estimated to cost the Treasury \$2.9 billion in lost revenue through the year 2000 by ending the tax break for the sale of broadcast stations

to minorities. This provision, retroactive to January 17, will kill the \$2.3 billion dollar Viacom Telecommunications sale to Telecommunications Inc., a firm headed by an African-American broadcaster.

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) said the measure was the "opening volley" of a campaign by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas and other Republicans to dismantle Affirmative Action programs. "White folks have had affirmative action all of their lives and their daddies' lives and their grand daddies' lives," Rangel said. "The only time

blacks get Affirmative Action, really, is when it's time to go to combat."

"Internal party debate has been won by the David Duke faction," charged Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA).

Will the President speak out? Will he defend the rights of African Americans, women Latinos and other minority broadcasters? Will he hold a press conference stating his outrage at the countries withdrawal of equal opportunity for the historically locked out? Will he defend his boss? Don't hold your breath!

Black press

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Baltimore. The bustling city's active black community had formed its own churches, schools, social groups, and entertainment organizations. A group of educated black religious leaders and others were committed to abolishing slavery and its evils.

While the majority of blacks in New York were free, the city was not free of slavery's ills. Slaves still worked in New York and freed black undertones looking for jobs lost out to the flood of lesser skilled European immigrants. Thugs known as Blackbirds kidnapped both freed and fugitive slaves and smuggled them out of town and to the slave markets in the southern states. But, the most powerful tool against black equality was the press, entirely owned and operated by whites.

Mordecai Noah, publisher of several newspapers, including the *New York Enquirer*, printed frequent attacks on blacks, causing many to oppose reforms to aid blacks. In the spring of 1827, a group of black leaders, from the Northeast, met in New York to counter the racist propaganda of the white press. Out of that meeting, held at the home of M. Boston Crummel, a prominent black businessman and shipping magnate, came the creation of *Freedom's Journal*, with Cornish and Russwurm at the helm. The paper was published until 1828, ultimately being distributed throughout the northern states, Canada, Haiti, England and even in some of the southern states.

Freedom's Journal defined the role of black-oriented publications in succeeding decades as champions of freedom and equal rights for people of color. Continuing to light the road to freedom, in the late 1800s, *Frederick Douglass' North Star* newspaper was a dominant force among blacks and whites.

In the early 1900s, Douglass' crusade was taken up by leading publishers such as Monroe Trotter in the Boston area, John Murphy in Baltimore, Robert Vann in Pittsburgh and Robert S. Abbott in Chicago. In the early part of this century, publications such as the *Afro-American* newspaper chain, the *Chicago Defender*, *Pittsburgh Courier* and the *Boston Guardian* were the principal mediums discussing issues and events affecting African Americans and dominated black minds, thoughts and actions.

Great family businesses and traditions evolved through generations via the black press, such as the Scott family of Atlanta; the Murphy's of Baltimore and Washington, D.C.; Mitchell's of St. Louis; Sengstacke and Johnson's of Chicago; Perry's of Philadelphia; Youngs of Norfolk and Dejeois of New Orleans.

Today, there are more than 200 black-oriented newspapers across the U.S., and many of the black staffers on daily newspapers got their start with the black press.

The black press' weekly circulation exceeds six million and industry statistics show a readership of over 11 million each week. The president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Robert Bogle, feels that there is competition from the mainstream press for his readers. "We must be more competitive to attract black consumers, now that everyone else, including the daily press, wants them."

Bogle and others of the black press feel they must become more aggressive to protect their turf. Dr. Calvin Rolak, deceased chair of Black Press Week, said last year,

"No other media can be the medium for stories about black America in the way that we can, and have been."

Although the majority of black newspapers are weekly publications, the *Chicago Defender*, *New York Daily Challenger* and *Oakland Post* newspapers are published each week day. Black newspapers do not appear to be going away.

The average age of NNPA members in 1994 was 25 years of age. Most are in their third generation of family ownership, and the Philadelphia *Tribune* is the nation's oldest continuously published newspaper, now in its 111th year. The *Houston Informer* and *Frederman and Afro-American* publications have also been in operation for over 100 years.

GOP leadership fails NAACP report card

by Julian Bond

Report cards give Mom and Dad a chance to measure how well their children are doing in school. All "A's" are great, but most kids don't do that well all of the time. When they slip into the "C" and "D" range, Dad and Mom have a right to be worried.

But if the students are not children, but the men and women who will guide the national legislature for the next two years, and they consistently get "F's" in subjects you need to have them get "A's" in, you have to be more than worried—about your future, and the future of your children.

You ought to be terrified that these failures are now in a powerful position to make your life less successful, your future less hopeful, and your children's chance dimmer.

The newly inaugurated Republican leadership of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives fails a "Legislative Report Card" compiled by the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The "test" was how they voted in 1993 and 1994 on 10 issues the NAACP thought were important to African-Americans nationwide. With 100 as a perfect score, the new Senate leadership ranged from

a high of 70 percent to a low of 10 percent. New Senate Majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas scored 30 percent. The average score for new Senate Chairs is 36 percent.

At the Armed Services Committee, Georgia's Sam Nunn, who scored 30 percent, will be replaced by South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, who scored 40 percent. New York's Alfonse D'Amato, at 60 percent, will replace Michigan's Donald Riegle, a 90 percent scorer. Thirty per center New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici will replace Tennessee's Jim Sasser, who scored 90 percent. Democrat Claiborne Pell of Rhode

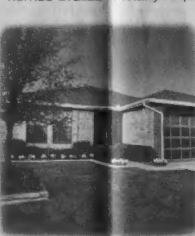
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YOUTH BEAT

KIDS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ATTENTION—Deadline for applications are being accepted for the annual Little Miss NJ Pageant. For more info call 609-646-6666.

MARCH 2-4

MORRISTOWN—"Pippin" a musical, will performed at White Hall in the Morristown-Beard School at 8 p.m. For info call 201-539-3032.

MARCH 4, 11, 25

JERSEY CITY—"Math Strategies for Grade 5-8" workshop Saturdays at Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3089.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

PLAINFIELD—Registration for the Plainfield Babe Ruth Baseball League for boys and girls ages 5-15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maxson Middle School. For more info contact Greg McGray at 908-756-1466 or Jeannette Goodson at 201-740-4040.

MONTCLAIR—"Gulliver's Travel" will be presented at Montclair Kimberley Academy at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more info call 201-744-1717.

MARCH 11, 25

JERSEY CITY—"Saturday Art Workshop I: Fantasy Furniture" at Jersey City State College from 9 to 11 a.m. For info call 201-200-3089.

MARCH 11, 12

NEW YORK—Children are invited to make a pair of colorful slippers that you can wear at the Children's Museum of the Arts. Workshops start every hour between noon and 3 p.m. For info call 212-274-0986.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

WESTFIELD—Educational and hands on workshops offered by the Union County 4-H Youth Program for children ages 7 to 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County. For info call 908-654-9854.

PLAINFIELD—Try-outs for the Plainfield Babe Ruth Baseball League for boys and girls ages 5-15, at Mill Campbell Field (E. Third St.). For more info contact Greg McGray at 908-756-1466 or Jeannette Goodson at 201-740-4040.



Students ask 'who cares'

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Museum, eleven high school students and three professional artists collaborated last summer to create a drug prevention message for a billboard. The black and white image is a photograph of students with the slogan "Who Cares if Our Lives are on the Line?"

Unlike other public service announcements, this message was not designed by an advertising agency—it was created by kids who used their own portrait

to back up their commitment to the message.

The board is on display at several sites in Jersey City: Kennedy Boulevard at Patrucco Street, Newark Ave. at Seventh St., and Hoboken Ave. at Concord St.

Homework assistance and 'Toys To Go'

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library has launched a new program which offers students in grades three through eight, detailed assistance with their homework.

The program is set up at six branches of The Newark Public Library: Branch Brook, Clinton, North End, Springfield, Vailsburg, and Weequahic. The clubs meet Mondays through Thursdays and will continue giving after-school help through June.

Membership is open to all Newark students who wish assistance with their homework (there are no fees). For ninth through twelfth graders who are interested in serving the clubs as "junior tutors."

"The Newark Library is conducting this pilot program to demonstrate that focused and aggressive homework assistance can be provided for Newark students," says Dr. Alex Boyd, library director.

For more information call Michele Cappetta at 201-733-5042.

In addition to homework assistance, the library has established a toy lending program for preschool

children ages three to five. The program enables parents and caregivers to check out carefully selected developmentally appropriate toys and games.

Termed "Toys to Go," the program has four simple guidelines:

■ One toy at a time may be checked out by a parent or caregiver.

■ The toy is on loan for 2 weeks.

■ In order to share the resources, a toy loan may not be renewed.

■ The toy must be returned to the main library's children's room.

In addition to being a circulating collection, the program educates parents on how to select appropriate toys for preschoolers and identifies which toys pose a safety hazard. "Toys to Go" emphasizes that there is no "proper" set of toys for every child, but rather a need for variety; toys for quiet time and active time; toys for indoors and out; toys for playing alone and together.

For more information, call the main library's children's room at 201-733-7797.

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Skaters win big at the Special Olympics



NEWARK—Monique Velez of Newark (left), won a silver medal in the 100m and a bronze medal in the 300m speed skating competition at the New Jersey Special Olympics Winter Games, on February 7th at the Mennen Arena in Morristown. Congratulating her is Sally Streeter, manager of public relations and promotional marketing for Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages.

William Mayor of Newark, was also successful in the Olympics. He won a gold medal in the 300m and a silver medal in the 100m speed skating competition.

Explore the wilds with Nature

NEW YORK—If you love nature and like to see how animals survive in their natural habitat, then *Nature* is a television show on PBS is for you. Tune in this month and experience the dangers and beauties of the wilds through *Nature*. Programs to be seen in March are:

Ghost Bear—Airs Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. (ET) *Ghost Bear* tells the story of the Black Bear (who is not real black) and follows one such bear as he strikes out on his own for the first time.

Nature's Great American Moments—Airs Sunday, March 12 at 8 p.m. (ET) with narration by actor Avery Brooks and original score from film and TV composer Michael Whalen. This dramatic, richly-textured portrait of African wildlife presents many of the most thrilling film sequences ever shot on the continent. The unforgettable scenes include the thunderous migration wildebeest through the shallow



Clip from Ghost Bear

Ice Fox—Airs Sunday, March 19 at 8 p.m. (ET) Struggling to endure temperatures as low as 80 degrees below zero, howling winds, a scarcity of food and the peril posed by trappers, Arctic foxes embody the phrase "ultimate survivor." Focusing on how easily the animal gets used to changing conditions, *Ice Fox* shows how two fox families—one on the coast of Norway, the other on the barren Russian tundra—defy the hardships of fear-

some nine-month winters. **The Emerald Isle**—Airs Sunday, March 26 at 8 p.m. (ET) The evocative landscape of Ireland has long inspired naturalists, historians and poets fascinated by the changes this ancient land has undergone over the centuries. Swept clean by glaciers in the last Ice Age, Ireland was left awash with vast lakes. Later, huge forests of birch, hazel, pine and oak returned.

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Newark to receive Bell Atlantic grants

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DAY, MARCH 3

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Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit,
Jeopardy etc., at 5 p.m. at
Presbyterian Church, For
more info call 908-333-0333.

D—108th Annual World
Fayer at the Crescent
Presbyterian Church at 1:30
For more info call 908-755-
1118.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

PLAIN—The TIMES
Newspaper Showcase
at 10 a.m. For info call 908-333-
0333.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

N—Religious Life in
Symposium at the Craig
Seminary Hall at 10 a.m. For info call
908-333-0333.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AND 25

Wayne Presbyterian
hosts a social, discussion
at 8 p.m. For more info
call 908-333-0333.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17-19

FT—Pegasus Production
by of Christian Brothers
presents "Joseph and the
Technicolor Dreamcoat" at
matinees at 2 p.m. on 19) at
Henderson Theatre. For more
info call 908-758-1118.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23-25

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by of Christian Brothers
presents "Joseph and the
Technicolor Dreamcoat" at
matinees at 2 p.m. on 19) at
Henderson Theatre. For more
info call 908-758-1118.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

CH PLAINS—A cappella
concerting the group Old, will
at the Evangel Church,
For more info call 908-333-0333.

NEWARK—Eight Newark
public schools will be among those
to benefit when the district receives
\$10,000 in telecommunications
grants, as part of the Bell Atlantic
Company's Opportunity New
Jersey-Education Technology
Grants program.

As part of the grant program,
the district's Office of Computer
Education and Technology will
receive five \$2,000 grants to be
used for funding of educational
telecommunication projects at several
schools throughout the district.
Three parochial schools will also
receive grants.

Angela Caruso, director of the

Office of Computer Education and
Technology explained the importance
of partnerships like the one
with Bell Atlantic, in bringing
state-of-the-art technology to
Newark students. "We (the Newark
school district) are concerned that
our students have access to the
information super highway, and so
have made telecommunications
available in the schools.

These grants will involve students
in hands-on projects using the
information super highway and
allow them to learn to use the information
and transfer these skills to
everyday use."

Stephen Heller, External

Affairs Manager for Bell Atlantic
said, "These projects will demonstrate
telecommunications at work
in the classroom expanding the
horizons of students and staff.
The grants are part of a long standing
commitment by Bell Atlantic
to Newark schools."

The five projects being funded
by grants are: the Teacher
Learning Circle at Barringer High
School; Project M & M marketing
program, with Newark's Roberto
Clemente School and the
Floodtown Road School in Long
Valley; Telecommunication in NJ
Studies project with Lincoln and
Wilson Avenue schools; Signs of

the Times Multilingual Communication
project with Bruce Street
and Franklin schools; and the
Making Geography Come Alive
project, with L. A. Spencer and
Peshine Avenue schools.

The projects are scheduled to
begin in April of this year and will
continue into the next school year.
For more information, contact
the Office of Computer Education
and Technology at 201-733-8832.

No longer "business as usual"



WASHINGTON—U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna E. Shalala demonstrates how the department is pro-actively doing more with less. The lists Shalala is holding show how the HHS 1996 budget consolidates 108 Public Health Service activities into 16 "performance partnerships" by turning the responsibilities over to the State and local levels—where the services are provided—and holding them accountable to high performance standards. "The Federal government must be tough, disciplined, and responsive to the American public in determining what our role should be," said Shalala. "We must learn to do more with less, and we must be absolutely committed to holding all of our programs up to scrutiny to make sure they are giving the American people the maximum return for their investment." *Chris Hill photo by Chris Hill*

'Orphans of AIDS: Bridging the Information Gap'

NEWARK—By the year 2000, approximately 125,000 children will become orphans as a result of losing their parents to HIV/AIDS. Fifty percent of these orphans will be from the New York/New Jersey area, with Newark having the second highest number of any U.S. city.

To address this issue, the provisional class of the Junior League of Monclair-Newark (JLMN) will present "Orphans of AIDS: Bridging the Information Gap" as its class project. The program is designed to inform the families coping with the impact of HIV/AIDS of the services available to them to provide for their children.

Two public forums on aspects of care planning for children of patients with HIV/AIDS will be held in cooperation with the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, which has developed programs and services such as transitional residences for children, comprehensive support services for families, summer camp and educational programs.

The forums will be moderated by Dr. Terrance Zealand of the AIDS Resource Foundation. The topics: will/legal assistance, entitlements/benefits, bereavement counseling, health/medical, and peer perspective/women living with AIDS.

The JLMN reaches out to women of races, religions, and national origins, between the ages of 18 and 44, who demonstrate an interest in, and a commitment to volunteerism.

The dates of the forums are Saturday, March 4 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at New Jersey Medical School in Newark 185 S. Orange Ave., in Room B-552 and Wednesday, March 8 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at The Prudential 751 Broad St., 7th floor plaza. Transportation will be provided and refreshments will be served. Attendees may R.S.V.P. through their AIDS services provider or by calling the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children at 201-483-4250.

Douglass College holds 15th annual women's conference

NEW BRUNSWICK—High school and college women
senior and college women
show them in learning more about
the Douglass College's 15th Annual
women's conference.

The theme of this year's conference
is, which is sponsored by the

Douglass College Government
Association, is "Stand Up, Stand
Out," and is scheduled to be held
from Friday, March 3 to Sunday,
March 5.

The weekend's events, which
are free of charge and open to the
public, will be held in Traves Hall

in the Douglass College Center on
George Street. The conference
will open Friday, March 3, at 8
p.m. with a one-woman show,
"Buya Africa," presented by Thuli
Dumakude. In the show,
Dumakude celebrates the end of
apartheid and explores the contin-

uing struggle for human rights
and equality.

The weekend's event will close
with a tour of the campus for high
school seniors and their guests
beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more
information about the women's
conference, call 908-932-9433.



apparitor "Kid" from the popular rap duo Kid N Play joins students at the Miller Street School in Newark at part of
United Way's Celebrity Read program.

Celebrity read

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"This program helps to empower our youth and to
show them that through education and dedication, there
is hope for their future," Harris said.

Moore explained that the "Celebrities" are drawn
from all aspects of community life, the arts, religion, and the
sciences. Several area professional organizations and ser-
vices fraternities are also involved in recruiting volun-
teer readers for the program.

This year, over 400 volunteers participated in
Celebrity Read, reaching out to more than 14,000 stu-

dents in 23 elementary and middle schools in our area.
Local "Celebrities" who also participated in the
program include U.S. Congressman and Chairman of
the Black Congressional Caucus, Donald Payne; com-
munity activist DeLacy Davis; and Karol Corbin
Walker, the first African-American woman to become
partner in a major New Jersey law firm.

According to Moore, "Through Celebrity Read,
United Way wants to recognize the accomplishments of
so many important role models in our community and
showcase their successes as a way of inspiring our
young people to excel in their own right."

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Health Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

BELLE MEAD—Cognitive Therapy of
Depression lecture at the Carlini
Foundation at noon. For more info
call 908-281-1461.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

WESTFIELD—Addressing Chemical
Dependency Issues in the Marriage
seminar at the National Council on
Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of
Union County from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
For more info call 908-233-8810.

MARCH 5 THRU 11

TRENTON—Save Your Vision Week.
For a free copy of a brochure on fam-
ily eye care during the entire month
of March call 609-695-3456.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

NEWARK—Discuss Uterine fibroids

Health Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Fertility and Reproductive Medicine in
room 7600 at noon. For more info or
to register call 1-800-982-DOCS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

MILLBURN—Seminar discussing the
rights and options pertaining to living
will and health care proxies will be
held at Cancer Care. For more info or
to register call 201-379-7500.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

IRVINGTON—Community High Blood
Pressure Control Program, sponsored
by the Dept. of Health's Nursing
Division, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the
Municipal Building Civic
Square Plaza.

IRVINGTON—Community High Blood

Pressure Control Program, sponsored
by the Dept. of Health's Nursing
Division, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the
Civic Center from 1 p.m. to

Health Calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

JERSEY CITY—"Infection Control
and Barrier Precautions" course for
licensed health care professionals at
Jersey City State College from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 201-
200-3157.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

NEWARK—Discuss the role of
antioxidants in the prevention of
chronic disease at The J. James
Smith, M.D., Lectureship at 9 a.m. in
the Medical Science Building at
UMDNJ. For more info contact Dr.
John Bogden at 201-982-5432.

TUESDAYS, APRIL 11-25

SCOTCH PLAINS—Safety Require-
ments in the Medical Office course at
Union County College from 6:30 to
9:30 p.m. For more information call

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WEDNESDAYS

NEW YORK—Amateur Night at the Apollo at 7:30 p.m., featuring "Sleep Up To The Mic" audience participation. For more info call 212-964-0372.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

WESTBURY—Patti LaBelle returns to Westbury Music Hall at 8 p.m. For tickets call 516-334-0800.

MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 24

NEW YORK—"Performance 42nd" will appear Wednesdays at the Whitney Museum of American Art at 7:30 p.m. For info call 212-878-2435.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

WEST BURY—George Duke and Dianne Reeves at Westbury Music Fair's Jazz Explosion, 7 p.m. For more info call 516-334-0800.

NOW THRU MARCH 5

MONTCLAIR—An art exhibition entitled "Emma Amos: Changing the Subject," a portrayal of women and African-Americans throughout the history of art, on display at the Montclair Art Museum. For more info, call 201-746-5555.

WAYNE—William Paterson College's Jazz Series featuring vibraphonist Bill Wooten at 4 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2371.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

NEW YORK—"The Bill Perry Blues Band will appear at Manny's Car Wash. For info call 212-369-BLUES.

MARCH 10, 11

ATLANTIC CITY—Paul Anka live at the Grand Resort. For more info and times call 609 340-2800.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

SOUTH BELMAR—Classic Jazz featuring Frankie Lee at Jassons at 9, 10:30 and 12 p.m. For more info call 858-681-1416.

MARCH 11 THRU APRIL 9

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Harriet's Return," a play about Harriet Tubman, will appear at the Grosvenor Theatre. For info call 908-249-5560.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

NEW YORK—"The Long Black Walk" will be performed at 3 p.m. at

the B. Smith's Rooftop Cafe. For more info call 212-629-0104.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
WESTBURY—Harry Belafonte comes to the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For info call 516-334-0800.

NEWARK—Evening Coffee House, featuring the vocals of Jasmine from 8 to 7 p.m. on the Second Level Forum of Essex County College.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

NEW YORK—Live Jazz and tap dance, featuring the Hardtop Trio, at Alice Tully Hall (Lincoln Center) at 8 p.m. For info call 212-721-6500.

SOUTH BELMAR—Classic Jazz featuring Sonny Rhodes & Johnny Clyde Copeland at Jassons at 8:30 and 11 p.m. For more info call 858-681-1416.

NEW YORK—Little Buster & The Soul Brothers will appear at Manny's Car Wash. For more info call 212-369-BLUES.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

NEWARK—"Imitators," imitations of your favorite celebrities, at 7 p.m. in the Mary Burch Theater at Essex County College. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 public and \$10 at door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

NEW YORK—Wynlon Marsalis will present "Jazz for Young People" at the Alice Tully Hall. For more info call 212-721-6500.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

SOUTH BELMAR—Classic Jazz featuring Sammy Davis and Midnight Slim at Jassons at 9, 10:30 and 12 p.m. For more info call 858-681-1416.

APRIL 14 THRU JULY 9

NEW YORK—Photographs by Nadar, the celebrated portraitist of the mid-19th century Paris on display at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-570-9551.

NOW THRU APRIL 30

MORRISTOWN—Visit the Star Trek Federation School at the Morris Museum. For info call 201 538-0454.

NEW YORK—"I Tell My Heart: The Art of Horace Pippin" exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-677-3756.

NEW YORK—February 6, 1995, marked the 50th birthday of reggae legend Bob Marley and the commemorative event, Relativity Recordings has put together a tribute album. *Tribute To Bob Marley: The Riddim Of A Legend*, will be released on March 21 and will feature definitive covers of classic Marley tunes by the likes of Pesto, Toah, Ziggy Marley, Inner Circle, Dennis Brown, Taj Mahal, and Grover Washington, Jr.

While the inclusion of Ziggy Marley's renditions of *African Herbsman* and *Rainbow Country* keeps the music in the family, the covers by Taj Mahal (*Slave Drivers*) and Grover Washington, Jr. (*Luminous*) serves only to accentuate

that Marley's music had a universal appeal that stretched well beyond the boundaries of reggae, touching the hearts and minds of music lovers all over the world.

In addition to the 12 cover tunes, *Tribute To Bob Marley: The Riddim Of A Legend*, package will also include a definitive biography written by noted radio personality and reggae expert, Kibwet Neguse, and will feature personal and performance photos of Bob Marley, granted by his estate especially for this tribute. *LP, Tribute To Bob Marley: The Riddim Of A Legend* is not only a celebration of Bob Marley's music, it is a tribute to the joy and love that surrounded his life.



Calling all starving artists

MONTCLAIR—Are you a starving or not-so-starving artist looking for some work? Well this is the perfect opportunity for you. The Arts Council of the Essex Area, in cooperation with the South Orange-Maplewood school district, is sponsoring the 18th annual Arts in Education Showcase on September 30, 1995.

Application deadline is March 17, so apply fast. Selection for the showcase will be based on artistic quality and educational merit and additional criteria listed in the application.

Interested performers should contact the Arts Council for additional information and a Showcase application. Write to Arts Council of the Essex Area, 40 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042 or call 201-744 1717.

Take an intimate look at black Hollywood

NEW YORK—In *Today's Black Hollywood*, James Robert Parish takes us behind the scenes and into the lives and careers of fifteen of the world's hottest superstars. They are today's most spectacular success stories. Stars who dominate the world of music, television and motion pictures.

Although each of the stars profiled in *Today's Black Hollywood* (Pinnacle Books; February 1995; \$4.99) have quite distinctive personalities and contrasting careers, these unique entertainers have two shared traits: They are African-American, and each has had to rise above racial stereotyping and prejudices not only in their apprentice days but even as major celebrities.

Having emerged from the struggles of the past, today's black Hollywood forges forward. But how did they make it to the top? What obstacles did they have to overcome? What directions are their careers taking?

Featuring 12 pages of exciting photographs, *Today's Black Hollywood* goes behind the scenes and into the lives and loves of the world's hottest stars! Read about:

- Still reigning rock and roll queen Tina Turner
- Grammy winner Whitney Houston's new role as a movie star
- Denzel Washington's rise from supporting player to Oscar-winning leading man

■ Up-and-coming stars of tomorrow like Halle Berry and a host of others.



NAACP Chair

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staff, and that he and another board member, T. H. Poole of Florida, proceeded to run it into debt!

Some of this is yet to be proved. A Coopers & Lybrand audit is set to be completed some time in March. Laura Bushbyne, counsel to the New York State NAACP, lamented, "We don't know what that audit will find. We have word that it is going to be much much worse than the charges already aired. And what is so scary," she added, "is that this board is still loaded with Gibson supporters, including Gibson himself."

Tucker said the board permitted three members, who had been voted out of office to illegally participate in the balloting, while keeping the three who had won from casting their votes. It was done in a slick parliamentary move, she said. The three ousted Gibson supporter board members, were placed on the Special Contribution Fund board of Trustees.

World now is that the Hollywood Image Awards could

not have lost money because the program was paid for by the NBC-TV network who aired it. Tickets and ancillary activities were sold by the NAACP and should have been pure profit. The question: Were the purported Image Awards "losses" a cover-up for other mismanagement losses in other NAACP activities? Somebody could wind up in jail.

And here are a couple of last minute goodies: Just before the annual meeting was held, Stephanie Rones, a former NAACP deputy legal counsel, filed an \$800,000 suit accusing Gibson, Chavis and four other top NAACP officials with sexual harassment and job discrimination against women. The action was filed in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Then while digging around in Gibson's tangled NAACP expenses, probes have allegedly found several plane tickets for Marva Smith, a South Carolina woman known as Gibson's "special friend."

At the unusual board meeting at the New York Hilton, speakers

proclaimed their love for the NAACP and concern about the past year of devastating media coverage. It was the 91-year-old Enola McCollum, six-time NAACP president, who gained the attentive respect of the presiding official NAACP President, Rupert Richardson, to introduce the motion that expressed the will of the body: A motion to declare no confidence in the present leadership. The audience's roar caused Gibson to hurriedly leave the podium without delivering his annual address or explaining why he wouldn't.

With its credibility and integrity on the verge of being restored, individuals, corporations and groups are beginning to line up to make donations to the NAACP, Dr. Tucker said.

Myrlie Evert-Williams, whose first husband, Medgar Evers was assassinated in 1963 refused to take a personal call of congratulations from President Clinton. She insisted it be inclusive and delivered over an audio phone to the entire board. Which the President did.

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Karen Smyles Host

Black power

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by questioning whether or not this was African-American people really wanted, black power. The white establishment, through the white media, began a campaign to divide and conquer African-American leadership on whether or not they were advocates of black power.

In the meantime, whether an individual African-American leader was for or against the concept of black power, the spirit and mood of the masses of African-Americans picked up on this idea and a tremendous period in our history of black consciousness began to rise.

In his speech to Chicago in 1965 Congressman Powell said: "Aldous Huxley's power is the determination of black people to be majors, United States senators, presidents of companies, masters of stock exchanges, the power to decide elections and the course of history." These were prophetic words uttered by Congressman Powell. Since the presenting of that speech there are over 8,000 African-American elected officials, including more than 600 African-American mayors.

While we have been cloaking African-Americans in public office the last 30 years, Arabs, Koreans, Vietnamese, Chinese and other people have been taking over the economic infrastructure of our communities.

We need a new black power movement to begin reversing this trend of making electoral politics and economics to take back the African-American community from those outside alien forces.

Let's take one more page from Congressman Powell. When he said this is the same speech, "black masses must produce and contribute to the economy of the coun-

try in the proportionate strength of their population. We must become a race of producers not consumers."

We must return to the spirit and the call for black power in our movement. Black power!

Dr. Worrill is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front.

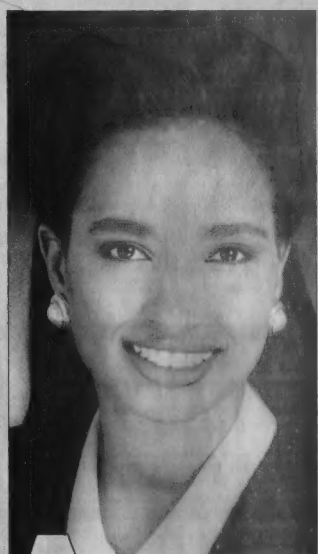
Second chance

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at notable historical examples of American political redemption may somehow pop into the Congressional consciousness. Perhaps House Speaker Newt Gingrich's training and knowledge as a professor of history may recall for him the life of Boston's James Michael Curley. For that fabled Irish-American politician during the first half of this century, two terms in jail for fraud, one early in his career, seemed to have had not the slightest negative effect on his 50-year career as an alderman, state representative, Congressman, Massachusetts governor and mayor of Boston. Surely, in fact, conducted at least one of those successful political campaigns from his Boston jail cell.

And of far more recent vintage, now can Gingrich and his Congressional colleagues ignore for a moment the most famous example of the redemption of a thoroughly disgraced political figure—that of the grandest rascal of them all, former President Richard Nixon.

Surely Mayor Marion Barry deserves the second chance which genuine redemption must, as the latter instances, always include. I'm rooting for him.



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NEW YORK—Columbia School of Business presents Lessons in Leadership at the Jacob Javits Convention Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 800-872-3451.

MORRISTOWN—Twin Management winter networking meeting, "Men's work experience with Women," at the Madison Hotel from 5:30 to 9:15 p.m. For more info call 908-756-3636.

NEWARK—Regional Business Partnership's "Real Estate Market Forecast For Northern New Jersey" panel discussion at The Newark Kaufman 201-242-6237, ext. 225.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3
ATLANTA—MO-BETTER Apparel Marketing, a symposium for apparel designers, marketers, retailers, manufacturers and distributors at the Atlanta Hyatt. For more info call 219-908-1688 or for travel and hotel arrangements 1-800-651-5002.

MARCH 4 - 11
NEW YORK—Making Managerial Decisions workshop will be offered at NYU School of Continuing Education from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 212-998-7080.

MARCH 4 THRU APRIL 1
NEW YORK—A Fundamental of International Business Management seminar will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NYU for more info call 212-998-7080.

MARCH 6 THRU APRIL 10
GLASSBORO—"Critical Management Skills Part II" 15-hour course at Rowan College of New Jersey Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. For more info call 609-256-4242.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
BASKING RIDGE—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will have a third business card exchange from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Olive Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge. For more info call 908-725-1552.

Lovely-Brown named manager of Summit Bank

SUMMIT—Claudette Lovely-Brown of Plainfield has been named assistant vice president and manager of Summit Bank's Plainfield office. She brings 26 years of experience in the retail banking field to this position.

Located at 335 East Front Street, the office was acquired by Summit Bank in a merger agreement with Crestmont Federal Savings and Loan Association late last year.

In addition to assisting customers with their retail and credit banking needs, Lovely-Brown oversees the financial products and services being offered by the Bank, interacts with business, service and civic organizations in the local community, and is responsible

for all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the branch office.

She joined Summit Bank as an assistant head teller at its Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth office in 1973. And has been promoted six times over the years, her last promotion being to assistant vice president operations manager in 1993.

Raised in Linden, Claudette Lovely-Brown is a graduate of Linden High School. She is a former member of the Plainfield Planning Board and the National Association of Banking Women and was, until her recent promotion, a Board member of the Elizabeth Historical Midtown Special Improvement District.

Pictured is Claudette Lovely-Brown reviewing copies of informational coloring books, entitled "African American Firsts," prior to their delivery to the Plainfield Public Schools for use during Black History Month. For the past five years, Summit Bank has contributed to the multicultural education of New Jersey students by giving these booklets to public school districts throughout its market area. This year, the Bank distributed, free of charge, a total of 15,000 of these booklets to schools in communities across the state.



Crump hosts women's conference

NEWARK—In recognition of Women's History Month, Councilwoman Mildred Crump is sponsoring a conference entitled "Empowering Black and Hispanic Women for the 21st Century."

The conference is scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

The goal of the conference is to facilitate the process by which black and Hispanic women become proactive in their own behalf.

said Patrick J. Grant, president of the first black woman to sit on the Newark City Council in its 328-year history says, "It is imperative that black and Hispanic women take control of every aspect of their lives. This conference is designed to give women the tools to empower themselves."

The event will open with workshops geared toward addressing male/female relationships, education, careers, self development and leadership skills. The theme for the day will be "Empowering our Youth: A Focus on Black and Hispanic Girls." Keynote address

will be delivered by Dr. Nsenga Warfield-Coppack, the leading authority on female rites of passage in America.

On March 18, the day-long meeting will focus on various aspects of women's life: Spiritual Empowerment, Financial Empowerment, Parenting Skills, Educational Empowerment, Self Protection and

other topics of importance to women.

The morning session will feature Rev. Dr. Melinda Contreras-Bryd, founder and director of Generations Center in Cherry Hill. Luncheon keynote address will be given by Olga Mendez, New York State Senator. For more information regarding the conference please call Kim Gaddy at 201-733-5871.

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Investors holds loan information open house

PLAINFIELD—As a public service to the community, Investors Savings Bank will hold an open house offering information on borrowing at the bank's office in Plainfield on Saturday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. The office is located at 130 Watchung Avenue.

William F. Ward, Senior Vice President/CRA Officer of Investors, announced that the information available will be of special interest

to first-time home buyers seeking mortgages, as well as those seeking refinancing, purchases, home improvements and home equity loans. Several loan officers will be on hand to discuss visitors' specific needs and the options available in seeking the money to meet those needs. Answers to general questions on how best to borrow and how to get the most affordable loan products will also be provided by

Investors' lending experts.

"There's no question that today's lending market is a confusing one to the average consumer," said Patrick J. Grant, president of investors. "It's our job to simplify matters, to make the options understandable. That's one of our most important commitments to the communities we serve."

For more information, call Rose Sigler at 1-800-252-8119.

GOP

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Island scored 80 percent; his replacement is a 20 percent scorer. North Carolina's Jesse Helms, Delaware's Joseph Biden scored 80 percent; his replacement is 10 percent scorer Orrin Hatch of Utah. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas scored 30 percent to replace Massachusetts' Edward Kennedy, who received an 80 percent score.

Among new House committee Chairs, scores range from 70 percent to 0 percent. The average score for new House Chairs is 21 percent. Subtracting New York Congressman Benjamin Gilman, the new Chair of the International Relations Committee who scored 70 percent, the new Republican chairs average only 17 percent.

On the NAACP Scorecard, 60 percent is a "D." The Senate and House Leadership's average score gives them a collective "F."

New House Speaker, Congressman Newt Gingrich of Georgia, a former college professor, scored only 10 percent.

The NAACP's Report Card is drawn from selected votes in the 103rd Congress on issues of concern to African Americans.

Included are six bills which passed Congress and were signed into law by President Bill Clinton:

■ The Motor Voter Act, which by the NAACP "the most significant civil rights victory of the 103rd

ongoing issue of condom distribution in schools. Clarke accused Frye of "recommending" condom distribution in schools.

"It seems that the acting superintendent wants to recommend condom availability. I don't see why tax payers' money should buy condoms for any student. If they're going to have sex let them by their own condom," demanded Clarke.

Frye explained that he did not "recommend" condom availability. Clarke then interjected saying he did not say Frye "recommended" condoms, but Frye insisted he was accused of such; while Board mem-

bers DeNoia, Gonzalez and Brown, came to Frye's defense nodding in agreement.

"First of all let's deal with the out-right lie that was just made," said Frye. "We held three forums in this district, never, never did I once say I recommended (the availability of condoms). I stated very clearly at the outset of each one of those forums that I would be guided by this community and if I did not see overwhelming consensus that the policy would not become a recommendation to the BOE, thank you very much."

(There has been no decision made as of yet on the condom issue.)

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 ADA HANDICAPPED APARTMENT CONVERSIONS**

**HANDICAPPED OFFICE AND
 TOILET ROOM RENOVATIONS AT NJ-25**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of Morris (hereinafter called the Authority), at the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Office of the Authority, located at 31 East Street, Morris, New Jersey, on March 13, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to reject any or all bids if it is determined to be in the interest of the Authority. The Authority does so, at a public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 9, 1995, at the Authority's Administration Office at 31 East Street.

Separate sealed bids for Contract 1 - ADA Handicapped Apartment Conversions at NJ-25 and Handicapped Office and Toilet Room Renovations at NJ-25.

All work included thereto, in accordance with specifications.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the following amounts:

BIDS	AMOUNT
up to \$300,000	10%
\$300,000 - \$400,000	\$20,000
over \$400,000	5%

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond of whatever a check or bid bond is currently required by the State of New Jersey, at the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Office of the Authority, located at 31 East Street, Morris, New Jersey, on March 13, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The enclosed documents are on file and may be examined at the Administration Office of the Authority, located at 31 East Street, Morris, New Jersey, at the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administration Office of the Authority, located at 31 East Street, Morris, New Jersey, on March 13, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

NOT BE MAILED, PAYMENT FOR DOCUMENTS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Successful bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond, written by a surety listed in the most recent Circular No. 270, Uniting the Interests of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and which shall be in full force and effect at the time of the award.

All Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must obtain an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to complete a Statement of Public Law 1975, c. 121 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Equal Opportunity" and "Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

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Sharpton: Snoop Doggie Dog will lead the 90's generation

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"There is no more important work in our community than the development of our young people. As we celebrate Black History Month, I dare to say, one of the real problems of our community is that we are far too proficient in remembering our past and not duplicating it in our present. It's very important to know who we were, but it's even more important to become that again," said Sharpton. "To know we built the pyramids in Egypt is great. But to go from building pyramids to writing graffiti on the wall in Plainfield is not progress," he continued.

Sharpton says blacks in the '60s and '70s fought not to be called demeaning names, just to have the present generation define each other, particularly the treatment of black men towards women. Sharpton recalled a time when "the whole South stood up to defend the integrity of a black woman," but says times have changed and cited rap music as one example.

"We've come from standing up for Rosa Parks to calling women out of their names," the reverend said, referring to the lyrics to certain rap songs. "It's strange how rappers that the record companies push are the ones who call women

out of their names and the ones who rap positive can't get a contract."

Sharpton discussed the importance of developing children who can lead us into the future generations. Reminiscing on the great heroes of the past three decades, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Thurgood Marshall, and Nelson Mandela, Sharpton posed the question "Who will represent this generation?" "I tell you who's going to represent the '90s, Snoop Doggie Dog," said Sharpton. "To go from King to Snoop Dog, is not progress. I'm not anti-Snoop Dog, but I certainly don't want history to record that I was part of the Snoop Dog Movement."

Attacking state and federal government programs Sharpton stated that they are "trying to turn back the clock" and not looking out for the best interest in blacks.

"Everybody is trying to balance budgets on the backs of our people. The funds for youth are not going into child care, it's going into building new prisons. They don't have money to build new schools, but they have money to build new jails," he proclaimed.

"When Newt Gingrich talks about stopping affirmative action, balancing the budget by cutting programs, and welfare they're talking about us. Welfare didn't break the

nation's budget nor did we cause the deficit. If they cut off all welfare they'd still be in debt. What caused the government to fall into a deficit situation is that they've allowed the rich to go unchecked."

Sharpton praised SSYC for their leadership and commitment to educating children. He warned that although he considers the present generation of blacks the most educated in the history of the country, blacks have less to show for it than any generation ahead of them.

"We need a SSVC because if we don't develop our children, others will exploit them. It's bad when people don't care about our child-

ren. It's worst when we don't care about them."

Among those honored at the event were Plainfield Mayor Mark Fory, who was not present; Laddie Wyatt; Helen Miller, city council president; four parents of children at the center and a host of center staff members including Phyllis Greer, education coordinator of who said it best when she stated, "I would like to give a personal thanks for those parents who have entrusted us with the intellectual, emotional, physical and social development of their children. Today's children are our future leaders. They will determine largely what our world of tomorrow will be."

Payne

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said, "It is unbelievable that we would risk letting children go hungry or remain abandoned in hospitals under the guise of fiscal responsibility. I do not believe that most Americans want to shroud the safety net for infants and children," said Congressman Payne.

"The first amendment I offered, to restore free meals for children at or below 130 percent of poverty, would have continued a policy set in 1974 to help protect the health and well-being of low-income children. The Republican plan, as embodied in H.R. 999, will curtail access to the main source of nutrition for some youngsters. Overall funding for the school-based block grant would be capped at 4.5 percent rate of increase per year.

Under current law, the rate of increase for Fiscal Year 1996 would be 5.2 percent, which is still not enough to meet current needs. Under the block grant proposal, states would only be required to spend 80 percent of federal funds on low income children, as opposed to the 90 percent now spent. This proposal would enable states to

shift scarce funds away from the needy to more affluent areas.

If this proposal becomes law, it will be left up to the states or school districts to decide whether or not to provide any free meals at all; states will not be required to serve meals to children who cannot afford to pay for them.

We know that hungry children are impaired in their ability to learn. At a time when much lip service is being given to improving education through the use of high-tech learning along the information superhighway, it seems very contradictory to take away such basics as the school lunch program.

The second amendment I offered concerns an issue on which I have worked for several years. As the author of the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act, I have personally visited hospitals in Newark and held infants who have been left with no one to care for them. The increase in the number of babies abandoned at birth has been caused by a number of factors, including poverty, homelessness, substance abuse, and the spread of the HIV virus. The problem has been compounded by the

fact that pregnant women with substance abuse problems often avoid seeking the help that they need out of fear that criminal charges will be filed against them. In fiscal year 1994, \$14.5 million was appropriated for this initiative, which aims to prevent abandonment, identify and address the needs of abandoned infants, and when desirable, to reunite infants with their natural families. Services include infant development, screening and intervention, case management, drug treatment, and parent education.

I think all Americans should have deep concerns about what the termination of funding for abandoned infants and for feeding programs say about the direction in which our nation is moving. Americans have always been proud of our spirit of concern for one another and compassion for the least fortunate among us. Has that been obliterated by the Contract With America?

I plan to continue this fight on behalf of America's children when the bill moves to the floor of the House of Representatives," Payne concluded.

Shooting

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at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, where he was being sustained on life support. Late Friday, February 24 Meyers died from that gun shot wound.

Police said they found 23 grams of suspected crack cocaine, worth about \$3,000, as well as \$300 in cash at the scene.

Ames was clearly upset about the police reports regarding her cousin's alleged illegal activities. "The police are giving erroneous information to back-up their side of the story, but it will all soon come out. None of that information is factual."

Following a rally held at City Hall, on Wednesday, Feb. 22, residents took to the streets looting and vandalizing private property while shouting "we want justice."

In the days following Meyers' death, Paterson is calm. During this time of calm, community leaders have called meetings to help residents voice their opinions and find positive and effective ways to extract justice from the legal system.

At a meeting between Paterson police officials and youth, which according to Martin Barnes, spokesman for the Paterson Community Coalition, was "fruitful," students addressed the numerous problems brought up by the young people who were angered by the fatal shooting of Meyers.

"People brought up real concerns. Paterson police will not wear riot gear with helmets that intimidate the students; a procession of officers in police uniforms will no longer ride around the city; and police will be instructed not to take an adversarial stance with people they come in contact with on the streets," stated Barnes.

He also noted that the result of the meeting may be the first step in getting the city back on its feet.

Amoresano said the shooting appeared justified, despite the fact that the boy was unarmed. "Considering the nature of the event and the area it was in, it was justified," he said. "An officer is authorized

to shoot a suspect when he feels his life is threatened or a third party's life is threatened."

Newark Councilman Donald Tucker, Board member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials said the group was appealing for calm among Paterson residents, while pressing for federal supervision of the investigation.

"The question is whether there was a need for that kind of force," said Tucker. "The direction of the bullet indicated there was no frontal assault on the officer...We feel a federal review is better than a local one. That's the only way truth and justice are going to prevail."

In a church service at the Calvary Baptist Church in Paterson on Sunday, February 26, the Rev. Al Sharpton called for justice for Meyers.

"I encourage these young people not to do anything that would hurt themselves or their community, but I encourage them to pursue justice."

Margaret Walls, the victim's mother sat quietly surrounded by family as she listened to the reverend telling the audience that presenting the evidence to a grand jury was not enough.

"The jury must have a number of black and Hispanic members," he said. "Does the grand jury reflect the people of Paterson? Don't close the door and say we're waiting on the grand jury, if the grand jury does not look like the city," Sharpton stated.

Other speakers urged the city's youth not to engage in violence. "Please give justice a chance. Further destruction in the community would impede the judicial process," said Elaine Evans, vice president of the Paterson branch of the NAACP.

Eastside students told the congregation that they would not rest until Cohen was punished. One student, Tyrone Moon a junior at the high school stated, "we're willing to let the judicial process take its place, but if the cop so happens to get off free, I'm not going to be responsible for what happens."

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